

# VISTAGE

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## Vistage Chair Neil McLean launches new private advisory board for businesses in Columbia, SC

**San Diego, April 20, 2015**— Neil McLean, CEO and Managing Partner of Columbia-based Sagacious Partners, has been selected as a Vistage Chair and recently launched a CEO group to serve the greater Columbia, SC community. The private advisory group is for CEOs, executives and business owners in the Midlands and will meet monthly to discuss business issues, share expertise, and provide one another confidential help to achieve their goals. McLean is part of a community of more than 800 Chairs worldwide who lead local area groups, which total more than 19,000 members in 16 countries.

“Columbia is positioned to grow dramatically in the next five to 10 years,” says McLean. “The potential for this region’s insurance tech, energy, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing companies is reachable only if executives can realize their potential. Vistage is in a unique position to support that potential through the concept of peer advisory.”

Vistage members meet monthly as a confidential sounding board, sharing collective expertise and experience to help one another make the best possible decisions on key issues that each business brings to the table. Members work on near-term, actionable decisions facing each leader and learn from each other in the process. Vistage members use a wide diversity of perspectives to challenge individual thinking and expand the options owners consider before making key business decisions. McLean’s members’ companies range from \$2M to \$250M by revenue and 3 to 250 by staff size. Industries include medical device, manufacturing, IT, construction, specialized insurance, software development, marketing/communications and automotive.

Neil McLean is CEO and Managing Partner for Sagacious Partners. Sagacious Partners’ expertise includes economic development strategy, industry cluster development and management consulting. McLean is creator of The Prosperity Navigator™, a collaborative process to help leaders grow innovative and entrepreneurial communities. Current clients of Sagacious Partners include EngenuitySC, the South Carolina TDL Council, and ITS-SC: Columbia’s Insurance Technology and Services Cluster; client partners include participants from the private sector, universities, and regional and statewide economic development organizations. McLean received his BS-Engineering and MBA from the University of South Carolina. He serves on the Board of Providence Hospital and was named to Columbia Business Monthly’s inaugural “50 Most Influential” in 2011 and 2012.

“I see Vistage as an extension to our core business... management consulting services that Sagacious Partners has been delivering to economic development and industry peer groups for the past 10 years,” says McLean.

### about Vistage International

Founded in 1957 and headquartered in San Diego, California, Vistage assembles and facilitates private advisory boards for CEOs, senior executives and business owners. Vistage members participate in monthly, Chair-led private

advisory board meetings. More than 19,000 members in 16 countries also have access to one-to-one executive coaching, expert speakers, and our global network of business leaders.

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